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Citizen anti-displacement advisory panel could address issues related to downtown development

**Statement of Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Alderman José G. Pérez and
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Yesterday we introduced Common Council legislation creating a Citizen Anti-Displacement Advisory Committee to address issues related to the ongoing development we are experiencing in the downtown area.

The development downtown has brought us many positive projects, including the new Fiserv Forum and adjacent Deer District, but it has also raised concerns from residents, businesses and property owners who could be negatively affected by increased taxes, rent payments and other costs.

We believe the advisory committee could help provide suggestions for policies and programs to aid in preventing displacement, and we also strongly believe the development in and around downtown must include a transparent public process that engages citizens and provides ample opportunity for public comment and discussion.

We look forward to discussing the Citizen Anti-Displacement Advisory Committee further in the days ahead.